On Friday, March 19, 1993, in the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National
Center Auditorium in Reston, Virginia, an organizational meeting and
conference will be held concerning formation of an interest group on the
technology known as "Wide Area Information Servers," based on the NISO Z39.50
standard for information search and retrieval. The meeting is sponsored
jointly by USGS and the Clearinghouse for Network Information Discovery and
Retrieval (CNIDR).

Following is the agenda for the meeting:

Plenary Session 8:30 - 11:00
          8:30 - 8:50 Welcome and Logistics (Christian/USGS)
          8:50 - 9:10 CNIDR Introduction (Fullton/CNIDR)
          9:10 - 9:30 WAIS History (Kahle/WAIS, Inc.)
          9:30 - 9:50 WAIS Overview (Gauslin/USGS)
          9:50 - 10:20 Z39.50 Directions (Denenberg/LOC)
         10:20 - 10:40 Spatial Search and Retrieval (Nebert/USGS)
         10:40 - 11:00 Organizational Issues (Ady/DoD)

Parallel Sessions 11:00 - 4:30
         11:00 - 1:30 USGS Cafeteria open for LUNCH

Tutorials (auditorium)
         11:00 - 11:30 Getting Connected to the Internet (Christian/USGS)
         12:00 - 12:30 Seeing Z39.50 When You Look at WAIS (Fullton/CNIDR)
          1:00 - 1:30 Authentication Issues (Allen/MCC)
          2:00 - 2:30 SQL and WAIS (Gauslin/USGS)
          3:00 - 3:30 WAIS Tour for Information Providers (Fullton/CNIDR)

Demonstration Start Times (demonstration areas are on auditorium stage;
                           each demo is 30 minutes or less)
         11:00 & 1:30 PC - Dial-up Access via SLIP (Tim Gauslin/USGS)
         11:10 & 1:40 Mac - Original public domain WAIS (Terrie Hough/USGS)
         11:20 & 1:50 Unix - Lockheed applications (Marc Fleischman/Lockheed)
         11:30 & 2:00 PC - MCC WAIS with Kerberos (John Hardin/MCC)
         11:40 & 2:10 Mac - Hypercard WAIS client (Kevin Laurent/USGS)
         11:50 & 2:20 Unix - JPL applications (Ann Farney/NASA JPL)
         12:00 & 2:30 PC - EPRI applications (Eric Blossom/EPRI)
         12:10 & 2:40 Mac - USDA applications (Michael Taranto/SURAnet)
         12:20 & 2:50 Unix - NASA STELAR application (Archie Warnock/Hughes)
         12:30 & 3:00 PC - Spatial searching (Doug Nebert/USGS)
         12:40 & 3:10 Mac - MCC WAIS with Kerberos (John Hardin/MCC)
         12:50 & 3:20 Unix - Protein Data Bank (Nancy Oeder/Brookhaven)
          1:00 & 3:30 PC - NASA Access Mechanism (Denise Duncan/NASA STI)
          1:10 & 3:40 Mac - DTIC applications (Bill Trefzger/DTIC)
          1:20 & 3:50 Unix - NCSA Mosaic (Joseph Hardin/NCSA)

WAIS, Inc. Presentation (Visitors Center adjacent to the auditorium)
         11:30 - 12:30   WAIS, Incorporated will show their commercial server in
         12:30 - 1:30   its pre-release state and explain how WAIS, Incorporated
          1:30 - 2:30   can help the WAIS movement. Tools for building WAIS
          2:30 - 3:30   databases will be demonstrated on the NeXT machine.
          3:30 - 4:30   (Get a pass to attend presentation at a specific time.)